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FYI related to the work we just saw.

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Bruce,

I am providing you this information as a heads up and in the interest of no surprises.

At the request of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and Region 2, we are working with NYSDEC in Hoosick Falls to conduct a joint study to characterize the process emissions, including PFAS, from a polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) sintering oven at a bulk Teflon facility (i.e., Saint Gobain Factory). The study is being performed under A-E. We will be conducting gas-phase sampling from one oven for five days. St. Gobain has only recently provided us with the candidate PTFE powder material for us to perform the necessary laboratory testing prior to going to the field. As a result, the field testing has been postponed until January for the laboratory tests to be completed and information used to optimize the field testing. This joint decision was made late yesterday with NYSDEC staff and Region 2 will be notified today.

Providing St. Gobain a copy of the project QAPP for them to better understand the testing process is a requirement before our sampling can take place. The QAPP is now final and has been approved (attached). Once we get the remaining signatures, we will share the QAPP with NYSDEC and Region 2, and NYSDEC will then share it with St. Gobain. In addition to ensuring all parties – Region 2, NYSDEC, and St. Gobain – understand the testing process, the QAPP will also be used as a tool by NYSDEC and Region 2 to help with communication in the town of Hoosick Falls, who are extremely interested in this study as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if we need to inform anyone else of this development.

Thanks,
Cindy

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